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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN BOOK REVIEWER ATTACKS SECRETARY KISSINGER
IN MIDST OF HIS VISIT

SUMMARY: SEPT. 19 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL CARRIED
LENGTHY BOOK REVIEW OF AGEE'S INSIDE THE COMPANY - CIA DIARY
WHICH WAS USED AS A VEHICLE FOR A PERSONAL AND VICIOUS
ATTACK ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. PAO HAS TAKEN THE MATTER UP WITH THE PAPER'S EDITOR
AND EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED A NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLING
ATTENTION TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE IN A GOVERNMENT-
OWNED PAPER ON THE WEEKEND OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. WE
DO NOT BELIEVE ANY ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL APPROVED THE
REVIEW BEFORE PUBLICATION. END SUMMARY.

1. DAILY MAILVIEWER LABELED HIS REVIEW OF AGEE'S BOOK
"THE CIA AND THE CAUSE OF HUMAN EXPLOITATION." STARTING
FROM THERE, HE STATES PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER
ORDERED THE KILLING OF ALLENDE. THEN THE AUTHOR WRITES
"KISSINGER IS POKING HIS NOSE INTO THE AFFAIRS OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA"; HIS REASON FOR DOING SO IS THAT "HE IS THE CHIEF
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WHICH IS INTENT ON STRANGULATING THE FREEDOM OF SOUTHERN

AFRICAN PEOPLES." "IF ALLENDE IS A CRIMINAL WHO DESERVES THE SWEET AND GROOVY BULLET OF UNCLE SAM, WE SHOULD CONCLUDE THAT KISSINGER REGARDS ALL THESE LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS THE SAME WAY." KISSINGER, HE ADDS, "HAS COME TO MAKE SURE THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA CONTINUES TO BE USED TO SATISFY THE GLUTTONOUS INSTINCTS OF FILTHY MONEY MANIACS OF WESTERN COUNTRIES."

2. EMBASSY'S NOTE POINTS OUT THAT THE PURPORTED REVIEW CONTAINS A NUMBER OF FALSE AND TENDENTIOUS STATEMENTS AND PERSONAL ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. NOTE STATES THAT THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED BY THE ARTICLE'S DISTORTION OF THE SECRETARY'S MOTIVATION IN UNDERTAKING HIS INITIATIVE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS NOW FACING SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT POINTS OUT THAT THE APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE IN THE MIDSTBF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO DISCREDIT HIS EFFORTS. SINCE THE DAILY MAIL IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED, "EMBASSY CANNOT HELP BUT BE CONCERNED THAT THE ARTICLE MAY CAUSE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA WITH REGARD TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ZAMBIA AND HIS EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THIS REGION.

3. COMMENT: BOTH THE DAILY MAIL AND THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA HAVE A WELL DESERVED REPUTATION FOR IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM. IN THIS INSTANCE WE SUSPECT THAT NO ONE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA KNEW THAT THE REVIEW WOULD APPEAR OR WHAT IT CONTAINED. EVEN THE NEWSPAPER'S EDITOR CLAIMS HE HAD NOT SEEN THE ARTICLE. ZAMBIANS WILL POINT OUT THAT THE ISSUE OF NEWSPAPER ALSO CONTAINS HIGHLY CRITICAL ARTICLE ON PATRICE LUMUMBA UNIVERSTY IN MOSCOW AS THOUGH THEY ARE THUS SHARING THEIR NON-ALIGNMENT. OUR NOTE WILL NOT PREVENT FURTHER ATTACKS OF THIS KIND, BUT IT MIGHT SERVE TO INTRODUCE AN ELEMENT OF EDITORIAL CAUTION AND SELECTIVITY FOR A TIME. TEXTS BEING POUCHED.

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